

THE Detroit Free Press says that intelligent American citizens all know that the presidential term ought to be lengthened to a period of eight years, and proposes that the change be made on the occasion of the accession of the next democrat president. If the change be a desirable one, why put it so far in the dim, distant and misty future, O! esteemed contemporary?

REPUBLICAN money and republican boodle, is the democratic excuse for the dire disaster that has overwhelmed the democrat party. This sounds rather cheeky, in view of the fact that every democratic office-holder was bled to the quick to obtain democratic boodle, even the few republicans still left in office, and they are few indeed, receiving repeated demands from democratic headquarters to "come immediately down". The loss said, Messrs. Democrats, about boodle, the better it will be for your party.

ONE thing can be truthfully said of the democrat party, it possesses a wonderful degree of vitality; it never seems to know when it has been thoroughly and completely lambasted. Ever since the election of ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 1860, its cry has been: "Wait until next time and we will show you." At last, in 1884, it accidentally slipped into power by the skin of its teeth or, what is more probable, was fraudulently counted in by rascally democratic canvassers in the city of New York. And now, after having been whipped out of its boots, after having been shoved into the earth and broken short off, as it were, notwithstanding its control of the immense federal patronage, all of which was unscrupulously used to retain the present administration in power, it bobs up serenely and exclaims: "Just you wait until 1892!" Well, the republican party will wait, and wait confidently. If the democrat party could only just barely squeeze through once in a period of twenty-eight years, there is slight probability, indeed, that it will give a second performance of the same play in 1892.

SENATOR VOORHEES is reported as having said that the democrat party was defeated because there was not time enough to educate the people; that in the cities where men's thoughts move more rapidly, the tariff question was debated with great advantage to the democracy, but in the rural districts, the ignorance was too dense. How do you like the comparison, farmers, laboring men and business men of the rural districts? Does it not remind you very forcibly of that other celebrated saying of this same distinguished senator, that every soldier ought to wear a collar marked "A. LINCOLN his dog"? Senator VOORHEES' candidate received his big majorities from the intelligent (?) slums of New York and other large cities, while the ignorant (?) farmers of the rural districts rolled up their big majorities for that gallant soldier and brilliant statesman, Gen. BENJAMIN HARRISON. The country would be better off by far if it had less of that kind of intelligence and more of the same kind of ignorance. If the nation is not ruined, O! most potent democratic senator, until it is ruined by the ignorance of the rural districts, it has before it a long and prosperous career. City intelligence, forsooth, vs country ignorance! Go to, Mr. Voorhees, go to!

THE official returns show that the vote for FISK, in this state, was 20,942, which is 4,337 less votes than were cast for Prof. DICKEY for governor two years since. Not a very promising outlook for that party, considering the fact that its leaders confidently expected and predicted 50,000 votes in the state. Indeed, about all the good(?) the third party succeeded in accomplishing at the recent election was in the states of New York and New Jersey. In the former state, it defeated WARNER MILLER, an outspoken, avowed friend of restrictive temperance legislation, and caused the re-election of DAVID B. HILL, the true and tried friend of the saloon, a man who had demonstrated his friendship in a practical way by his vetoes of temperance legislation heretofore adopted by the republican lawmakers of that state. In the latter state, the prohibition party drew off a sufficient number of republican votes to give the legislature to the democrats. In that state, the republicans had already enacted a rigid temperance law, a statute that had stood the test and had been pronounced constitutional by the supreme court of the state, and under the provisions of which a large part of the state was enjoying the blessings of absolute, practical prohibition. The democrats made the repeal of this law an issue in the campaign and, by the aid of the third party, won the battle, and so, doubtless, the statute will be wiped out. Perhaps the third party may consider these triumphs of the saloon in politics as glory enough for one campaign but it affords little evidence that the temperance millennium is about to be ushered in at the hands of that party.

No Reason for Existing.  
Where are the great mass of the good temperance people of the country to be found? In the ranks of the prohibition party? Certainly not. The lesson taught by the following figures taken from the official records of this county is a convincing negative answer to such an interrogation.

And this county is not singular in this respect; it is but a type of the temperance sentiment that largely prevails throughout the state and nation.

When the prohibitory amendment was submitted to a vote of the people in the spring of 1887, the total vote of Van Buren county on the proposition was 6,660, of which 5,111 were cast in favor of the amendment and 1,549 were cast against it. More than seventy-five per cent of those who voted declared themselves to be in favor of constitutional prohibition.

At the local option election in December last, 4,360 votes were cast. 3,697 of them were against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; 863 of them were in favor of the traffic. Here, again, the voters recorded their determined opposition to the saloon, eighty-one per cent of the votes being in favor of legal prohibition.

At the recent election, the gubernatorial vote of the county was 8,240. If the prohibition party contains the bulk of the prohibition sentiment of the people, we should naturally expect, in view of the foregoing votes, that about seventy-five per cent of the voters would cast their ballots in favor of the candidates of that party; certainly not less than half. What says the record? Gov. LUCE received 4,812 votes, Mr. BURT received 2,980 votes; Mr. CHENEY, the prohibition nominee, received 440 votes, or only a beggarly five per cent of the whole. The conclusion is irresistible that, instead of being an aid to the cause it claims to advocate, the third party is a positive hindrance. There is no good reason for its existence.

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